

two years ago by Senator Withem that says it's the in...the intent is that whatever is generated by the tax increases imposed by 1059 stays with that...that state aid program. What LB 98A does is simply continue that by saying that if, indeed, you're going to...and I...I'm voting against LB 98, but if, indeed, you're going to pass LB 98, broaden the sales tax base, that portion of the sales tax base that...the 20 percent ought to stay with 1059. LB 98A continues that...well, it continues that intent and sets the precedent in the future that if we were going to significantly change the sales tax base at all there needs to be a corresponding appropriation bill to address the 1059 component. If you would not pass LB 98A in actuality what would happen for and until...we could do it next year but probably not for...not until two years, that money would simply flow to the General Fund, certainly could be spent on something else but then at that point in time, to satisfy the intent, through the appropriations process we may raise the spending level up two years from now. I think it's prudent that if you...if we are going to pass the bill and broaden the sales tax base, at the beginning we ought to say the 20 percent that goes towards the state aid formula ought to stay there and, with that, I'd urge the body's advancement of 98A.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, Senator Moore, I have a question. We're not...

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Moore?

SENATOR ROBINSON: ..really all we're doing in 98A is, in case LB 98 passes, that we're allowing the 1059 fund to get that portion of the increase in the pop tax that they've gotten on the general sales tax to be put in the 1059 fund. Am I correct on that?

SENATOR MOORE: Yes. Obviously, if 98 pass...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Now this bill here does not...we're not voting on the increase in general pop tax on this bill.

SENATOR MOORE: No, this...this bill, that's the substantive bill, LB 98, which raises that. This simply says if you raise it, 20 percent of it would go to the state aid formula we know as the 1059 fund.